

*minutè granulato. Seriebus duabas squamarum supralabialium. Femorum facie posteriore partim granulosa, partim squamis minutis imbricatis tectâ.*

*Proctotretus Weigmannii*, Bibr. l. c. p. 284.

Habitat, Northern Patagonia and La Plata.

DESCRIPTION.—Head rather short, covered with numerous slightly raised scales, not carinated nor imbricated; snout rather obtuse and slightly rounded, nostrils semicircular. Two series of very small scales between the labial scales and the orbit. Ear of moderate size, the anterior margin furnished merely with minute granular scales. Scales of the temples flat and smooth. Fold on the sides of the neck distinctly marked, anteriorly bifurcated; the remainder somewhat waved. Sides of the neck granulated scales of the whole of the upper and back parts of the body and tail of moderate size, the carina little elevated and the point but slightly prominent. The scales of the inferior parts of the neck and body are smooth, polished, and imbricated, those towards the sides of the neck minutely emarginated. The scales of the limbs resemble those of the body; those of the upper surface being carinated and those beneath smooth. The posterior face of the thighs is generally covered with granular scales, but there is on this part near the tail, a distinct patch of imbricated scales resembling those of the inferior surface of the thighs, a character by which this species may at once be distinguished from all others. The anterior extremity placed against the side reaches about two-thirds of the distance towards the groin; the posterior extremity reaches forward to the shoulder.

COLOUR.—The back and sides are brownish gray, with a yellow longitudinal band on each side of the back, separating transverse black or dark brown bands of various size and form; and there is in most on each side a smaller interrupted yellow band. The under parts generally of a yellowish white, in some individuals sparsely dotted with black. Mr. Darwin says of some individuals of this species that they have “an orange-coloured gorge, and faint stripes of blue,” also “ash-grey with dark brown marks and specks of orange and blue.”

#### DIMENSIONS.

	Inches.	Lines.
Length of the head.....	0	5
of the body .....	1	5
of the tail .....	2	2
Total length....	4	2
Length of anterior extremity .....	1	1
of posterior extremity .....	0	8

This species was found by Mr. Darwin at Bahia Blanca and at Rio Negro, on the northern confines of Patagonia, and at Maldonado, near the mouth of the Rio Plata.

#### PROCTOTRETUS MULTIMACULATUS.

PLATE IX.—FIG. 1.

*Corpore subdepresso; capite squamis numerosis parvis tecto; auribus parvis, margine lævi; seriebus quatuor squamarum supralabialium; squamis temporum imbricatis; collo granuloso; femorum facie posteriore partim granulosa, partim squamis imbricatis tectâ.*

*Proctotretus multimaculatus*, Bibr. l. c. p. 291.

Habitat, Bahia Blanca, Northern Patagonia.

DESCRIPTION.—The body depressed and wide—the head triangular, the muzzle rather acute. Nostrils prominent and nearly round. Scales of the head very small and numerous; those of the temple rhomboidal and imbricated. There are four series of small irregular scales between the labial and sub-orbital. The sides of the neck are wholly granular; the scales of the body very small; those of the upper parts rhomboidal, flat with very low carina, and obtuse at the apex—beneath they are also small and rhomboidal; the posterior surface of the thighs is granular, but, as in some other species, there is, near the groin, a distinct patch of imbricated scales like those of the inferior surface. The tail is broad to some distance from the origin, and then tapers to the extremity. The scales of the tail are rather small, short and obtuse.

The anterior extremity placed against the sides reaches about two-thirds the distance towards the posterior, and the latter reaches forwards to the shoulder.

The ground colour of this species is gray, with numerous small black spots, some of which are bordered with white. The under parts are white, and in one specimen in Mr. Darwin's collection there are on the belly numerous distinct small black spots. His description of the colours is as follows:—“Colours above singularly mottled. The small scales are coloured brown, white, yellowish red and blue, all dirty, and the brown forming symmetrical clouds. Beneath white, with regular spots of brown on the belly.”

#### DIMENSIONS.

	Inches.	Lines.
Length of the head .....	0	8
of the body .....	1	8
of the tail .....	3	0
Total length ...	5	6
Length of anterior extremity .....	1	0
of posterior extremity .....	1	6

Found at Bahia Blanca, on the northern confines of Patagonia. The following remarks of Mr. Darwin on the habits of this species are very interesting. “In its depressed form and general appearance it partakes of some of the characters

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